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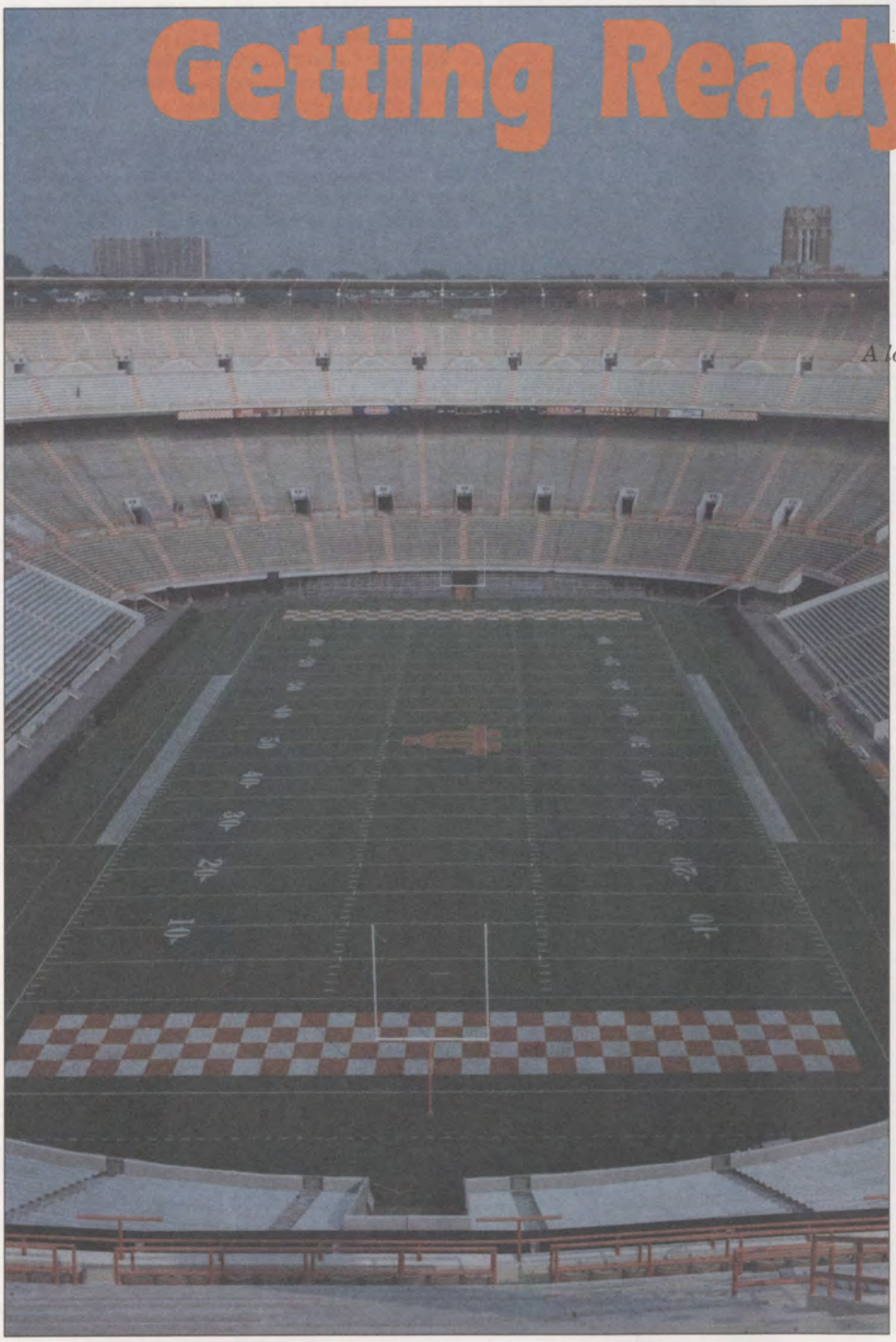

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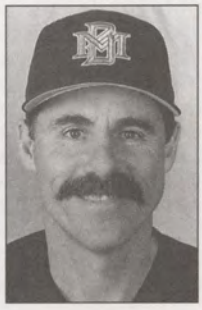

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1999 Football Schedule Announced

The return of Notre Dame and Auburn to Neyland Stadium and a first-ever visit by Wyoming are among the highlights of the 1999 Tennessee football schedule.

The schedule lists seven home games. Notre Dame is making its third visit to Neyland Stadium, having previously played in Knoxville in 1979 and 1990. Auburn was a regular visitor to Knoxville in odd-numbered years between 1957-1991.

Here's the way the 1999 schedule breaks down:

Sept. 4 Wyoming at Knoxville
Sept. 18 Florida at Gainesville
Sept. 25 Memphis at Knoxville
Oct. 2 Auburn at Knoxville
Oct. 9 Georgia at Knoxville
Oct. 23 Alabama at Birmingham
Oct. 30 South Carolina at Knoxville
Nov. 6 Notre Dame at Knoxville
Nov. 13 Arkansas at Fayetteville
Nov. 20 Kentucky at Lexington
Nov. 27 Vanderbilt at Nashville
Dec. 4 SEC Championship Game at Atlanta

New Graduate Assistant Coach, Assistant Trainer Named

Steve Jameson and Chad Newman are the newest members of the Tennessee athletic department, serving as a graduate assistant coach and assistant trainer.

Jameson is a Massachusetts native who played football and lacrosse at Worchester Polytechnic Institute in Worchester, Mass., from 1986-91. He is currently enrolled at the University of Tennessee where he is pursuing a master's degree in Sports Administration. He will assist the offensive coaching staff.

Prior to coming to Tennessee, Jameson worked in game management at Duke University from 1995-96. He is the son of Bradford and Mary Ann Jameson, who reside in Naples, Fla.

A native of Chattanooga, Newman serves as an assistant trainer on Mike Rollo's staff. He has served the Vol program as a volunteer student trainer and graduate assistant. He devotes most of his time working with the Vol basketball team and, during the off-season, will assist with other sports.

In December 1994, Newman received his B.S. Degree in exercise science from Tennessee. He completed his master's degree in kinesiology this past May. He lives in Knoxville with his wife, Stacey.

Bob Johnson Named to GTE Academic All-America All-Time Team

Former Tennessee center Bob Johnson (1965-67) has been named to the GTE Academic All-America All-Time Team, announced July 1 at the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) convention in New Orleans. The awards were announced by NBC sportscaster and GTE spokesperson Dick Enberg.

"I'm honored to be selected," said Johnson. "One of my goals is to be a well-rounded person and to be honored for academics as well as football is important to me."

Johnson, now lives in Cincinnati and is president of Imperial Adhesives. He was an Academic-All America and a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award winner in 1967 while garnering honors as an athletic All-America from 1966-67. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1989 and was an NCAA "Quarter Century" award winner in 1993.

The GTE America All-America teams are selected by a vote of the 1,800-member CoSIDA. To be eligible, an athlete must have been a varsity starter or a key reserve and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale. Sports Information Directors nominate eligible athletes from their schools who are named to district teams prior to being voted upon at the national level. CoSIDA has been selecting Academic All-America teams since 1952.

(See TWIBOC, p. 12, for a story on Lady Vol CoSIDA honoree Jill Rankin)

In Memoriam: Mildred Brooks, Geneva Molinski and Herb Brown

Mildred Brooks, who along with her late husband, the Rev. W.C. Brooks, provided the University of Tennessee's mascots bluetick coon hounds from 1953 on, died July 11 in Knoxville.

Mrs. Brooks was an avid supporter of Tennessee football and taught elementary school in Knox County for 18 years. The Brooks family specifically Mildred's brother Earl Hudson still is involved with the Vol mascots and has made a lasting contribution to the Tennessee tradition.

Mrs. Molinski was the widow of Vol All-America and College Hall of Fame inductee Dr. Ed Molinski, who played on those great Tennessee teams from 1938-40. She and her family were special guests at Neyland Stadium on Nov. 10, 1990, when Dr. Molinski was posthumously inducted into the College Hall. Mrs. Molinski leaves two daughters and a son.

Brown, who played guard in early Neyland days in the late 1920s, was called by Neyland "the biggest little man he had ever known." He died June 22.

Athletic Publications Honored at CoSIDA Convention

The University of Tennessee men's athletic department won two national awards and one District IV award at the annual convention of the College Sports Information Directors Association of America (CoSIDA) in New Orleans.

Winners of the awards, given July 3, were: Kevin Marina, who won "Best in the Nation" honors for the UT Swimming Guide; Bud Ford and Jeff Muir, who won "Third in the Nation" honors for the Florida Citrus Bowl Press Guide; and Bud Ford and Brenda Rabon for "Second in the District" for the Track and Field Guide.

The Big Orange women won eight national awards and one District IV award. They won "First in the Nation" honors for basketball program cover and their soccer brochure. They placed second with their women's basketball brochure, third in their cross-country brochure, fourth with their track and field brochure, fifth with their swimming and diving brochure, sixth with their women's soccer brochure and seventh with their golf brochure. They won "Second in the District" honors with their volleyball brochure.

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The First Word...

1996-97 TENNESSEE LADY VOL PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
Basketball

ALL-AMERICA
Tracy Bonner - Diving
Janelle Briggs - Track & Field
Dawn Burton - Diving
Anissa Campbell - Track & Field
Tori DeSilvia - Swimming
Chamique Holdsclaw - Basketball
Saidah Jones - Track & Field
Margie Lepsi - Tennis
Lesly Love -Track & Field
Manisha Malhotra - Tennis
Leslie Mix - Swimming
Fabiola Molina - Swimming
Sarah Nichols - Swimming
Sarah Payette - Swimming
Kathy Pesek - Diving
Heather Sumpter - Track & Field
Kelli White - Track & Field
Erica Witter - Track & Field

GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA
Tracy Reidhead - Softball

GTE ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT IV
Bridget Jackson - Softball
Brynae Laxton - Basketball
Tracy Reidhead - Softball

All-SEC
Marvena Almond - Track & Field
Tracy Bonner - Diving
Janelle Briggs - Track & Field
Dawn Burton - Diving
Abby Conklin - Basketball
Tori DeSilvia - Swimming
Kelly Hanlon - Volleyball
Chamique Holdsclaw - Basketball
Bridget Jackson - Softball
Saidah Jones - Track & Field
Erin Kurczewski - Golf
Margie Lepsi - Tennis
Jessica Lindbergh - Golf
Lesly Love - Track & Field
Leslie Mix - Swimming
Sarah Nichols - Swimming
Kathy Pesek - Diving
Tracy Reidhead - Softball
Rachel Thompson - Golf
Buffy Walker - Softball
Kelli White - Track & Field

All-SEC FRESHMAN
Kyra Elzy - Basketball

ALL-SEC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL
Leah Anderson - Track & Field
Kristin Bachochin - Tennis
Kathy Blakemore - Soccer
Abby Blazer - Volleyball
Tracy Bonner - Diving
Dawn Burton - Diving
Abby Conklin - Basketball
Kari Ann Davis - Swimming
Tori DeSilvia - Swimming
Michelle Elfervig - Track & Field
Kerry Ginter - Volleyball
Laura Haynes - Track & Field
Leslie Henley - Track & Field
Melissa Hiller - Track & Field
Bethany Himel - Soccer
Mary Heinecke - Volleyball
Bridget Jackson - Softball
Kellie Jolly - Basketball
Brynae Laxton - Basketball
Jessica Lindbergh - Golf
Amy Livsey - Golf
Manisha Malhotra - Tennis
Jen Mancini - Swimming
Beth Marlow - Track & Field
Leslie Mix - Swimming
Zakiah Modeste - Track & Field
Kenyail Norris - Softball
Kathy Pesek - Diving
Emily Plummer - Diving
Tracy Reidhead - Softball
Erin Rinear - Track & Field
Cheri Sears - Diving
Carrie Spinner - Tennis
Jenny Steele - Softball
Rachel Thompson - Golf
Erica Witter - Track & Field
Emily Woodside - Tennis

ADDITIONAL HONORS

NATIONAL GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA
Amy Livsey - Golf
Rachel Thompson - Golf

College Swimming Coaches Association of America Academic All-America
Kathy Pesek - Diver
Fabio Molina - Swimmer

SEC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
Chamique Holdsclaw - Basketball

ALL-EAST REGION
Malin Tveit - Golf

ALL-SOUTH REGION
Carrie Swinford - Softball
Buffy Walker - Softball
Lisa Wyatt - Softball

NCAA MIDWEST REGIONAL ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
Kellie Jolly - Basketball
Chamique Holdsclaw - Basketball (MVP)
Pashen Thompson - Basketball

NCAA FINAL FOUR ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
Kellie Jolly - Basketball
Chamique Holdsclaw - Basketball
(Most Outstanding Player)

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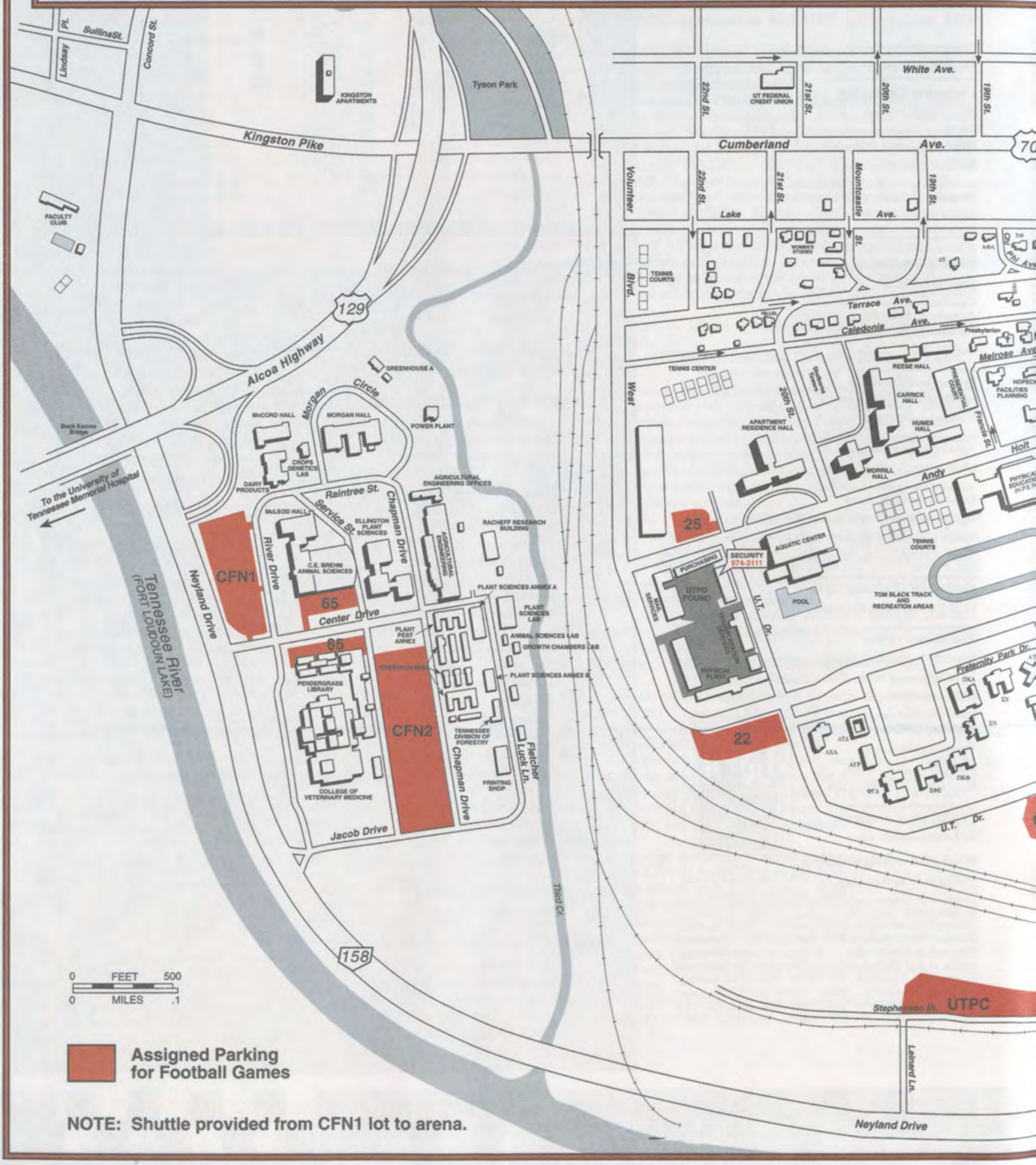
The University of Tennessee Football Parking



Assigned Parking for Football Games

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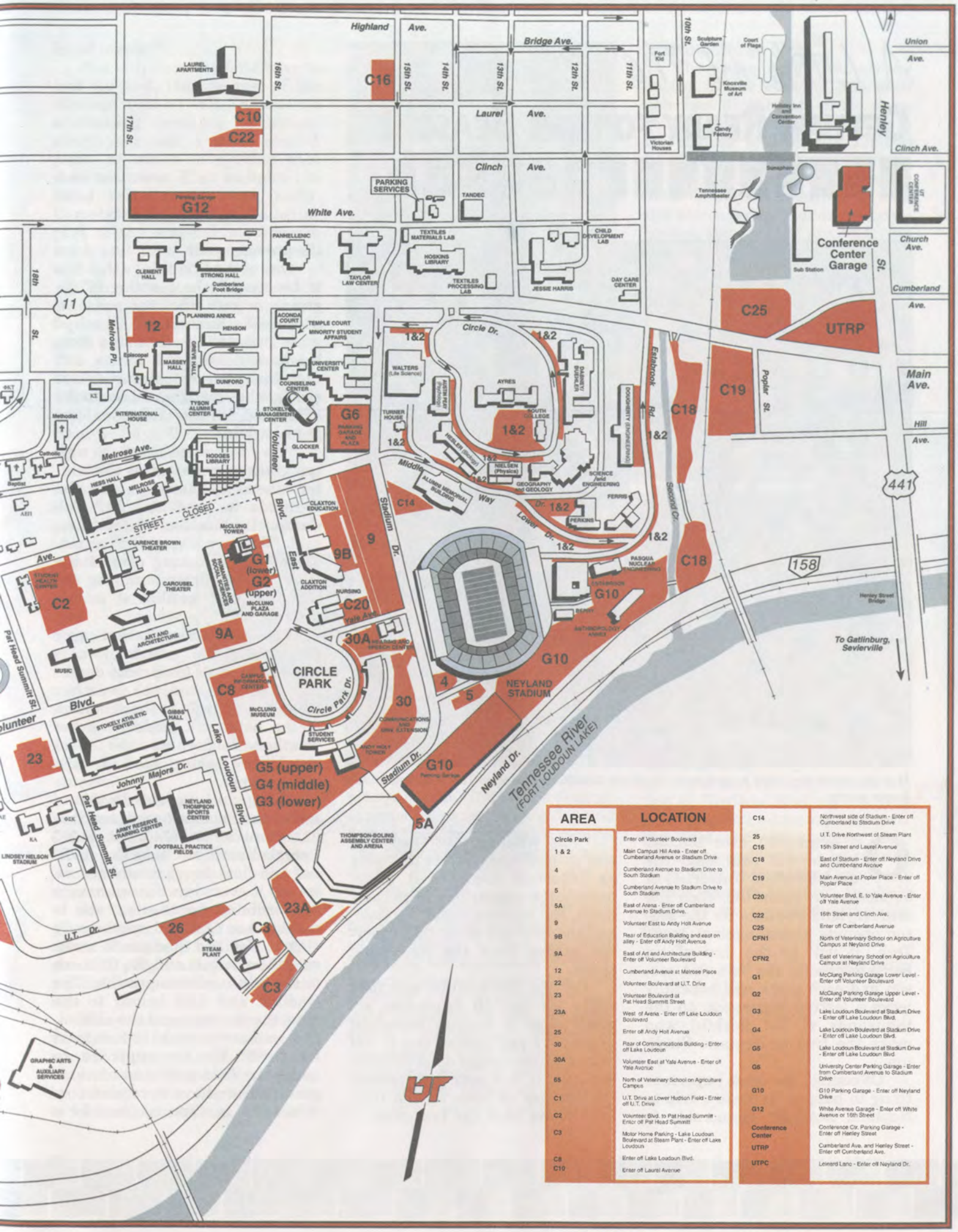

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Circle Park	Enter off Volunteer Boulevard
1 & 2	Main Campus Hill Area - Enter off Cumberland Avenue or Stadium Drive
4	Cumberland Avenue to Stadium Drive to South Stadium
5	Cumberland Avenue to Stadium Drive to South Stadium
5A	East of Arena - Enter off Cumberland Avenue to Stadium Drive.
9	Volunteer East to Andy Holt Avenue
9B	Rear of Education Building and east on alley - Enter off Andy Holt Avenue
9A	East of Art and Architecture Building - Enter off Volunteer Boulevard
12	Cumberland Avenue at Melrose Place
22	Volunteer Boulevard at U.T. Drive
23	Volunteer Boulevard at Pat Head Summitt Street
23A	West of Arena - Enter off Lake Loudoun Boulevard
25	Enter off Andy Holt Avenue
30	Rear of Communications Building - Enter off Lake Loudoun
30A	Volunteer East at Yale Avenue - Enter off Yale Avenue
65	North of Veterinary School on Agriculture Campus
C1	U.T. Drive at Lower Hudson Field - Enter off U.T. Drive
C2	Volunteer Blvd. to Pat Head Summitt - Enter off Pat Head Summitt
C3	Motor Home Parking - Lake Loudoun Boulevard at Steam Plant - Enter off Lake Loudoun
C8	Enter off Lake Loudoun Blvd.
C10	Enter off Laurel Avenue

C14	Northwest side of Stadium - Enter off Cumberland to Stadium Drive
25	U.T. Drive Northwest of Steam Plant
C16	15th Street and Laurel Avenue
C18	East of Stadium - Enter off Neyland Drive and Cumberland Avenue
C19	Main Avenue at Poplar Place - Enter off Poplar Place
C20	Volunteer Blvd. E. to Yale Avenue - Enter off Yale Avenue
C22	16th Street and Clinch Ave.
C25	Enter off Cumberland Avenue
CFN1	North of Veterinary School on Agriculture Campus at Neyland Drive
CFN2	East of Veterinary School on Agriculture Campus at Neyland Drive
G1	McClung Parking Garage Lower Level - Enter off Volunteer Boulevard
G2	McClung Parking Garage Upper Level - Enter off Volunteer Boulevard
G3	Lake Loudoun Boulevard at Stadium Drive - Enter off Lake Loudoun Blvd.
G4	Lake Loudoun Boulevard at Stadium Drive - Enter off Lake Loudoun Blvd.
G5	Lake Loudoun Boulevard at Stadium Drive - Enter off Lake Loudoun Blvd.
G6	University Center Parking Garage - Enter from Cumberland Avenue to Stadium Drive
G10	G10 Parking Garage - Enter off Neyland Drive
G12	White Avenue Garage - Enter off White Avenue or 16th Street
Conference Center	Conference Ctr. Parking Garage - Enter off Henley Street
UTRP	Cumberland Ave. and Henley Street - Enter off Cumberland Ave.
UTPC	Leonard Lane - Enter off Neyland Dr.

A Look At The Vols...

GETTING READY FOR THE SEASON!

It is no ordinary task to prepare Neyland Stadium for over 100,000 fans every home game.

On August 30, over 100,000 people will pour onto the campus of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, then file into Neyland Stadium for the season opening kickoff against Texas Tech. It will be the first of six home games for the Vols this season and each game will hopefully leave a lasting impression on the thousands of Vol faithful who make the trek to Neyland Stadium.

Of course, the most important thing to happen to make a trip to Neyland Stadium memorable is the Vols winning, but there are also several other factors that play an important role as well. These include the appearance of the stadium, the appearance of the field, and the food and drink that everyone enjoys from the concession stand.

Getting the stadium and field ready for the all important six game days is not an overnight process by any means and is not even a project to get done over the summer. It is a year long process that begins as soon as the final horn blows after the last game of the previous year.

One of the first things that has to be done is the planting of rye grass in with the Bermuda on Shields-Watkins Field. The rye grass protects the Bermuda from the harshness of the winter. But then when the temperatures start rising, the rye grass has to be killed out, so the Bermuda can grow back in.

"We overseeded the field with rye grass to protect it in the winter, then we have to get the Bermuda to come back in," Bob Campbell, director of facilities, said. "We have a very rigid schedule as far as taking care of the field. We top dress it during the offseason and fertilize it during the summer."

The field is also mowed every day during the summer, which makes the grass grow more densely. Campbell said the weather plays a major role in the condition of the field, and as long as the weather cooperates the field should be looking good for the home opener.

"We get a lot of satisfaction of seeing the field look good, and it is important to make sure it does," Campbell said. "We take the stadium and field for granted because we see it everyday. But we have a responsibility for the fan who is making his first and maybe only visit to Neyland Stadium to make sure the stadium and the field are in the best condition possible. The stadium and field belong to the fans, the students and the alumni, and we have to make it look good for them. We are supposed to make the field and stadium look good, and we have to remind ourselves this is a special place for a

lot of people."

Not only does the field have to look its best, but the rest of the stadium must as well. That means a cleaning from top to bottom every year and a fresh coat of paint on about everything that does not move. That includes the hand rails, steps, and walls. Campbell said it takes the better part of the summer to pressure wash and paint the entire stadium.

"This is a big building and is becoming an old building so we are having to do more and more repair as it gets older," Campbell said. "We would like to make more improvements, but we spend time during the offseason making repairs and trying to maintain what we have. But we are proud of it. It is a great stadium."

Some improvements are being made this year. They are not on the scale of the new addition added before last season, but are nonetheless important to the enjoyment of the fans. A new handicapped seating area is being added in the north endzone and another elevator is being added there as well. Those projects were contracted out by the university.

A walkthrough of the stadium is done as well and broken seats are repaired, numbers are repainted on seats and any other similar job is done in preparation for the upcoming season.

All this is occurring while people are stopping in to see the stadium. Campbell estimates that about 40 people a day stop by during the summer to visit the stadium.

"They are people who are on vacation and just want to stop and see it," Campbell said. "We have no problem with people stopping by during regular business hours to look at the stadium. I think it should be that way and it is a great compliment to the university when people stop to see it."

Bob Campbell, UTAD Director of Facilities.

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> ***— Bob Campbell***

Not only is the appearance of the stadium and field an important part of the Tennessee football experience, so are the hot dog and drinks from the concession stands. The preparation of the concession stands for the season is also a lengthy process.

"It seems like it is a never-ending process for us, because as soon as the season is over, we start preparing the equipment for storage, and then we have to take it all back out a few months later and start preparing for the upcoming season," Jim Bletner, director of concessions, said. "Getting the equipment ready to go back into the stadium takes all summer because we have to test it all and prepare it to go back."

There are approximately 80 booths in the stadium and each one has a warmer, pizza oven, coolers and other equipment that is required to feed the 100,000 fans. Bletner also has to spend the offseason in search of the nearly 1500 employees required to man the merchandise stands and concession stands. Most are holdovers from year to year, but he still has to replace some every year.

There is pressure on the employees to perform their job to the highest of expectations.

"We have two 30-minute segments to take care of 100,000 people," Bletner said. "It's like we are the world's largest restaurant. There is no question that the concessions are part of the experience of going to a game. What we do is part of the satisfaction of going to the game."

Sales this year should be higher than in previous years because of the new adidas merchandise. That means more merchandise will have to be taken over to the game in preparation of the season along with the tens of thousands of candy bars and other food products.

So when you find yourself sitting in Neyland Stadium enjoying a hot dog and admiring how good the field and the stadium look, please remember that a lot of hard work went in to making your visit to the stadium to watch the Vols play the most enjoyable it could be.

— Rob Hardin

Good News & Notes...

UT Hosts Children's Amputee Camp

On July 20, the University of Tennessee hosted the "Third Annual Children's Amputee Camp" at the Neyland-Thompson Sports Center. The event was sponsored by the University of Tennessee Medical Center and "Amputees Coming Together."

UT student-athletes assisted head trainer Mike Rollo and his staff in conducting games and entertaining the children.

Approximately 10 youngsters attended the camp with several football players in attendance. Myles Atherton, Shane Begnaud, Tyrone Graham, David Leaverton, Jeff Hall, Jonathan Brown and Brian Darden all participated in the event.

When the children arrived at the complex, they were greeted by the athletes. From there, they went to the team room for lunch and viewed a video tape. Then, each of the athletes paired up with one child and they toured the Neyland-Thompson complex.

Fulmer Visits Boys and Girls Club of Nashville

Head football coach Phillip Fulmer stopped by the Boys and Girls Club of Nashville on July 27. Upon his arrival, Fulmer was greeted by club officials and representatives of the United Way of Nashville, who sponsor the Boys and Girls Clubs. After a couple of media interviews, Coach Fulmer then spoke to approximately 300 children ranging in age from 7-14 about the importance of education, staying away from drugs and picking good role models. After Fulmer's speech, he took questions from the children.

Before leaving the club, Coach Fulmer signed autographs for each child in attendance. Each child also received a sports fan pack filled with Vol football souvenirs.

Vol Staff and Athletes Attend Alumni Functions

During the last week and a half of July, Tennessee student-athletes and athletic staff members attended to Alumni picnics to speak about the upcoming season.

The first stop was in Elizabethton where fans were treated to autographs by Vol football players Jeff Hall, Jonathan Brown, and Leonard Little, and Lady Vol basketball players Laurie Milligan and Kelly Jollie. Staff members on hand included Fulmer, assistant football coach Randy Sanders, Lady Vol Athletics Director Joan Cronan, Lady Vol assistant basketball coach Al Brown, and the "Voice of the Vols," John Ward. Fans had over an hour to get autographs from the Volunteers.

Coach Fulmer speaks to over 300 youngsters at the Boys and Girls Club in Nashville on July 27. Donnell Field photo.

Coach Fulmer and John Ward both seemed to have the longest lines and the largest request for pictures. Toward the end of the program, there were still many fans who had not received Coach Fulmer's signature, so Coach Fulmer decided that he would go to them instead. He spent the last 30-45 minutes wandering through the crowd speaking to fans and signing pictures. The Vol athletes and staff left Elizabethton High School knowing that the Vol faithful (around 1200) had enjoyed the program and were able to meet a few special people in the Tennessee athletic program.

The following Thursday, many of the Vol football staff along with Cronan and Lady Vol head basketball coach Pat Summitt attended the Big Orange Picnic at the Armory Field House in Nashville. Many former Vols were in attendance with an estimated crowd around 400-500 gathering for barbecue and festivities in the state's capital.

As Others See Us

Here's a letter we got a copy of recently from Bob Phillips, Mayor of Lewisburg, down in Marshall County.

"I have heard from Coach Bob Edens and from Mrs. Ray Cross and others about your kind, compassionate handling of Gabe Cross, who was at your football camp when he heard of the death of his father. The sympathy you expressed, the counseling offered, the ride home, and the follow-up calls all made this terrible tragedy easier to bear.

"I know yours is a job where time is a precious commodity, but the time you took with this young man in his hour of need will never be forgotten by him, his family, or, indeed, our whole town."

—Ellie Wilson and
Donnell Field

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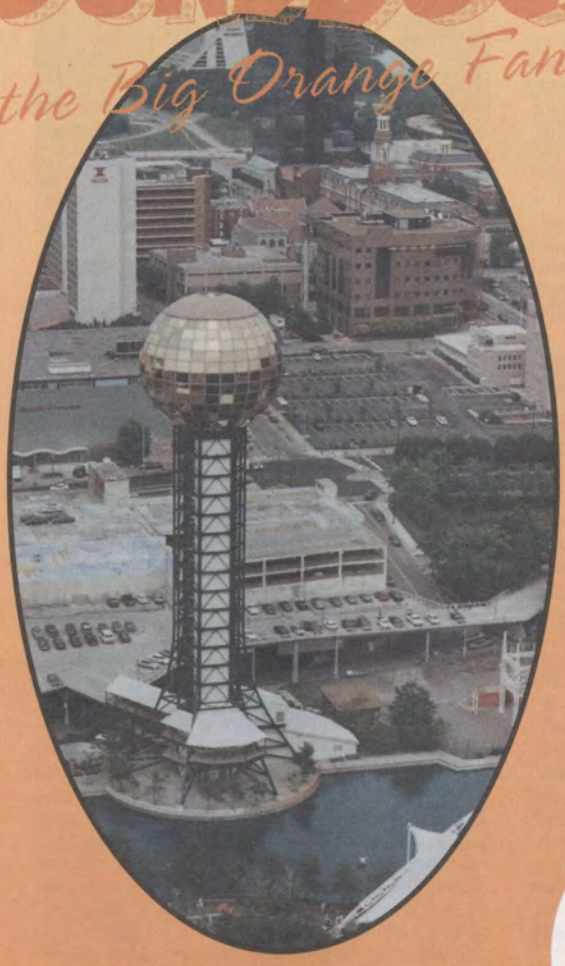

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Tennessee Tradition...

Ben Byrd on the Vols
A Look at the Archrivals

In college sports, the people you hate the most are the ones you need the most. They are called arch rivals, traditional rivals or bitter rivals. Every school has one, two or three of them at any given time. In these games, the adrenaline flows a little faster and the heart pumps a little harder. In these games, a win can salvage a bad season and a loss can wipe out a good one.

The University of Tennessee has been fortunate in having a number of arch rivals throughout its long football history. In different eras at least six different Southern opponents have taken turns at being Public Enemy No. 1 for the Volunteer gridders.

Vanderbilt was the first and there are still a few among us who can remember when that intra-state battle caused the thunder to roll. It may be hard for the younger generation to accept, but the fact is that in the early years of college football in the South, Vanderbilt was very good and Tennessee was not so good. The series reached its 13th meeting before the Vols were able to score their first win over the Commodores in 1914, and the next 10 meetings yielded only one more Tennessee triumph.

The story has been often told of how UT officials, having taken about as much as they could absorb, hired Bob Neyland off the staff at West Point in 1925 to help put an end to it. He became head coach in 1926. Neyland's second team, in 1927, gained a 7-7 tie with Dan McGugin's highly favored Commodores, and thereafter commenced to beat them on a regular basis. Vandy, of course, has had its troubles keeping its program at Southeastern Conference standards in more modern times but the ghosts of those old wars still flutter about. Despite the lopsided numbers in recent times, Tennessee versus Vandy is still something special.

Alabama came along next, and over the past seven decades the Crimson Tide has been the Vols' most enduring arch rival. The series got off to a blockbuster of a start in that legendary 1928 game at Tuscaloosa when Gen McEver's 98-yard touchdown runback of the opening kickoff sparked the Vols to a mammoth 15-13 upset victory. And since then there have so many majestic moments for both sides that it would be impossible to list them all here. Certainly, from the Tennessee standpoint, one would have to recall the 1939 game at Knoxville when Johnny Butler ran his famous touchdown run in a 21-0 triumph and the 1982 game at Neyland Stadium when John Majors' Vols put an end to Alabama's 11-year dominance with a 35-28 victory.

The series with Alabama has been, I think, the best thing that ever happened to Tennessee football. So often have these two teams gone head-to-head for supremacy in the SEC, as so often have great players on both sides risen to Olympian heights in those raging battles. The list of great names involved reads like a Who's Who of Southern football. Neyland, Wade, McEver, Feathers, Cain, Howell, Bryant, Hudson, Cafego, Suffridge, Gilmer, Huffman, Lauricella, Starr, Majors, Namath, Stabler, Gault, White, Johnnie and Dale Jones, Manning. If ever a school had a treasured foe, UT has one in Alabama.

Alabama's slump in the 1950s brought a a couple of other teams to the forefront as top Vol rivals. In the early 1950s it was Kentucky, under rising head coach Bear Bryant. The 1950 showdown between Bryant's Wildcats and Neyland's Vols on a frozen field in Knoxville is still regarded by many as the greatest football game ever played on the UT gridiron. The fact the Vols won, 7-0, probably has something to do with that, but it was truly a classic.

The series with Georgia Tech heated up to arch rivalry status in the mid-1950s as those two teams duked it out for SEC supremacy. The highlight of that era, of course, was the Vols' 6-0 win over Tech in Atlanta in November 1956, a game that was later stamped as the second greatest college game of all time by the Associated Press. And in that same season, UT began a rivalry with Auburn that was to create a lot of heat and passion over the next 35 years before the rearrangement of the SEC into two divisions ended the annual meetings. That game was always played on the first or second Saturday of the schedule, giving the Vols an early season shootout to go with the midseason showdown with Alabama and the late season traditional games with Kentucky and Vanderbilt. Again from the Tennessee point of view, the high spot of that series was probably the 1985 game at Knoxville, when Tony Robinson shot down Bo Jackson and the Tigers, 38-20.

With Auburn gone, another early season foe has reared its ugly head. Florida, cast into the SEC's East Division with Tennessee, has beaten the Vols four straight times and rubbed Tennessee's fur the wrong way in doing so. The Gators may not be the Vols' oldest enemy, but right now they're Number One. That's Steve Spurrier's picture pasted up on the post office wall.

Former Vol

Darwin Bond (1971-74)

Darwin Bond came to Big Orange Country from Kingsport and was an integral part of Vol success in his college years.

Bond was All-America indoors in 1974 in the 600 yard run in a time of 1:10.1. Outdoors, he was All-America in 1971 in the 440 yard dash (third in a time of 46.0), fourth in the 440 yard dash in 1973 (fourth in a time of 46.2) and was part of the 1973 Vol fourth place mile relay team (3:07.03). In 1974, he was second in the 440 yard dash (45.63) and was on the 440 relay team which finished fourth in the country (39.69).

Outdoors, he won the SEC 440 yard run in 1973 (46.3), was first again in 1974 (46.0) and was part of a first-place Vol squad in the 440 relay (40.3). Indoors, he won the 1974 600 yard run (1:09.7). He still holds the school record in the 440 yard dash (400 meters) in a time of 45.2.

He won the Pritchett Award in 1974 as the most dedicated senior.

Lettermen's records indicate Bond now lives in Marietta, Ga.

Darwin Bond was a leader on the track for the Vols in the early 1970s.

Soccer Leads Way With Six Signees

Head coach Charlie MacCabe received a big boost via the transfer route, inking two former University of Kansas players. But MacCabe really hit the mark with the locals, with four of his six signees from Tennessee and three from the Knoxville area. The soon-to-be Lady Vols are 5-3 forward Laura Lauter (Farragut, Tenn.—Farragut H.S.), 5-4 forward Lisa Tipton (Knoxville—The Webb School), 5-7 midfielder Tori Beeler (Knoxville—Bearden H.S.), 5-9 midfielder Kelly Berrall (Roswell, Ga.—Chattahoochee H.S.), 5-8 midfielder Kendyl Michner (Germantown, Tenn.—Univ. of Kansas/Germantown H.S.) and 5-8 forward/midfielder Shayna Teutsch (Albuquerque, N.M.—Univ. of Kansas/St. Pius X).

Softball Plucks Five From Around the Globe

A member of the Argentine National Team headlines Coach Jim Beitia's five-person class, as Beitia looks to fill holes lost to graduation. Four infielders and one outfielder will bolster the lineup this spring: 5-9 infielder Maria Torres (Parana-Enre Rios, Argentina—Escuela Normal Superior H.S.), 5-7 infielder Lisa Warren (Escondido, Calif.—Palomar C.C./San Pasqual H.S.), 5-7 infielder/outfielder Kelli Glass (Jensen Beach, Fla.—Palm Beach C.C./Martin County H.S.), 5-9 outfielder Maura Mollet (Yukon, Okla.—Yukon H.S.) and 5-8 Cherrae Rushton (Sacramento, Calif.—Valley H.S.).

Three Freestylers Bolster Roster

A combination of sprinters and distance swimmers will be new to Coach Dan Collela's lineup this fall as five newcomers will give him more options than last season. With a dearth of talent in the sprint freestyle events, Collela's new crop should help a much-needed area. The five Lady Vols-to-be are: 5-9 backstroker Katy White (Allen, Texas—Allen H.S.), 5-11 backstroke/butterflyer Pam Hanson (LaCrosse, Wisc.—Central H.S.), 5-7 butterfly/freestyler Missy Bell (Springfield, Va.—West Springfield H.S.), 5-9 freestyler Tanya Felton (Leesburg, Fla.—Leesburg H.S.) and 6-0 freestyler Azurdee Engel (Duluth, Ga.—Greater Atlanta Christian School). Hanson, Bell and White enter as All-Americas, claiming seven individual state titles between them.

Tennis Taps Two

Head coach Mike Patrick picked up two signees for the upcoming year. With a team steadily on the rise over the past few seasons, the newcomers should add considerably to an already talented roster. Both posting impressive resumes, 5-8 Megan Russell (Wichita, Kan.—Kapaun Mt. Carmel H.S.) and 5-3 Vinny Seiverling (Hershey, Pa.—Hershey H.S.) blistered through their high school careers. Russell became the fist four-time state singles champion in Kansas history, while compiling an overall record of 96-1. Seiverling also had plenty of success in singles play, winning back-to-back state championships in 1995 and 1996. She is currently ranked No. 1 in Middle States girl's 18 & Under and has a national ranking of No. 66 in that age group.

Tracy Bonner was awarded a $5000 scholarship for her work in the classroom.

Rowing Adds Another Oak Ridge Native

It almost sounds like a broken record, but when you have one of the premier rowing communities in your own backyard why go elsewhere. That is the logic that head coach Susannah Iacovino employed when she signed up Lauren Kueck to become a Lady Vol in the fall. Kueck will join a slew of Oak Ridge High School rowing graduates in the Lady Vol camp. Iacovino, a native of Oak Ridge, has a pipeline into her old high school and has tapped into a resource that has produced premier rowing talent. The 5-11 Kueck has won numerous gold medals in her four years at Oak Ridge and has been very competitive at the junior level.

Volleyball Inks Top Recruit

With a team which for the first time in three years can be called experienced, there has been much excitement in the volleyball camp this summer. Yet, with all the experience there will be two new pieces in the mix. A new head coach, Rob Patrick, and a single recruit add to the rising wave of promise.

Nominated for Volleyball Magazine's "Big 50", 6-2 middle blocker Ariana Wilson (Cincinnati, Ohio—Princeton H.S.) should make an immediate impact for the Lady Vols and possibly start in the vacated middle blocking position by the departed Jenny Meeks. After leading Princeton to a 22-3 record last season, Wilson earned all-city, all-state and Cincinnati Enquirer all-star accolades.

Sprinter First Signee of Chester-Ferguson Era

As the sprint coach of nine-time NCAA Champion LSU during her tenure, Myrtle Chester-Ferguson has a reputation of cultivating and developing strong sprint talent. She hopes that tradition will continue as the head coach at Tennessee where she signed her first recruit as a Lady Vol. A 5-6 sprinter Natalie Johnson (Silver Spring, Md.—Paint Branch H.S.) is hopeful she can reach the same heights as some of Chester-Ferguson's former pupils.

Hawaii Native Sole Golf Signee

After a sixth-place finish in the NCAA Championships this spring, the Lady Vol golf program is aiming even higher in its sixth season. With three seniors and a junior in the starting lineup, Coach Lori Brock will add a talented freshman to the fold this fall. At 5-2, Anna Umemura of Honolulu, Hawaii (Punahou Academy), will need to step into the starting lineup immediately as the team's only recruit. A three-time semifinalist at the United States Golf Association Junior Championships, Umemura has experienced tremendous success on the junior level. In addition, she is a four-time winner of Hawaii's Junior Golf Championships and finished second at the Japan Cup World Championships in 1993.

Bonner Earns Post-Graduate Scholarship

Former Lady Vol All-America and national champion diver Tracy Bonner has been named as a recipient for a $5,000 postgraduate scholarship awarded by the NCAA. She is one of 107 student athletes — 36 men and 71 women that were awarded scholarships.

Bonner was the 1995 SEC and NCAA three-meter springboard champion and the 1997 SEC one-meter champion. Over four years of competition, she earned 10 individual All-American certificates — more than any other Lady Vol swimmer or diver. Additionally, Bonner is the most accomplished Lady Vol diver ever and holds three school records. This past May, she joined former teammate Kathy Pesek and together won the national three-meter synchronized diving championship at the FINA Grand Prix Diving Invitational.

Bonner received her Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science in December of 1996 and is currently pursuing a Master's of Science degree in sport administration.

—Brad Laux

This Week In Big Orange Country

Vol Baseballers in the Pros

The Major League Baseball season has passed its mid-point and is heading into the stretch run with only two months to go before postseason play begins. Tennessee fans can take pride in the fact that six former Vols fill roster spots on big league clubs, and former Vol Phil Garner (who played 68-70) is managing the Milwaukee Brewers.

Garner's Brewers stood at 48-52 and seven games out of first place in the American League Central and were working on a three-game winning streak through games of July 27. (All player statistics and status are through games of July 27.) There is only one other Vol in the American League, and that is Rich Delucia (83-86) who is pitching for the Anaheim Angels. He is currently on the disabled list but, prior going on the DL on July 14, he had appeared in 32 games and boasted a record of 6-3 with three saves and an earned run average of 2.77.

Five former Vols find themselves on National League rosters with the St. Louis Cardinals having two on their squad. Pitcher and Knoxville native Rick Honeycutt (a Vol from 73-76), who has 21 years of Major League experience, has only appeared in two games this season. Honeycutt, who broke into the big leagues in 1977 with Seattle, has career marks of 109 wins and 143 losses with 38 saves and an ERA of 3.72.

Also playing for the Cardinals is catcher Mike DiFelice (Tennessee 89-91), who broke in with the Cardinals last season. This season, he has appeared in 54 games and has a .239 batting average with three home runs and 18 RBIs. He has thrown out 24 of 74 runners attempting to steal.

Joe Randa (Tennessee 91), who came over to Pittsburgh in a trade with Kansas City, has been a solid performer at third base for the Pirates. He sports a .294 batting average with five home runs and 37 RBI as he plays in his third big league season. On the hot corner, he has had 185 chances and committed only 10 errors with 135 assists.

Also playing in the National League East with Randa is Greg McMichael (Tennessee 86-88) who is providing middle relief pitching for New York following a trade between the Mets and the Atlanta Braves. He has appeared in 48 games and has a record of 7-7 with six saves and a 2.44 ERA. McMichael spent four years with the Braves and helped them win a World Series in 1995.

Todd Helton made it to the Colorado Rockies this month and got off to a flying start.

The other Vol big leaguer is pitcher Rich Rodriguez (Tennessee 82-84) who is playing for the San Francisco Giants. Rodriguez is in his seventh Major League season and in 52 appearances this season has a record of 3-3 with one save and a 3.31 ERA.

Tennessee currently has several other players in the minor league system working their way up. Augie Ojeda (Tennessee 96), Todd Helton (Tennessee 93-95), Bronson Heflin (Tennessee 93-94) and Bubba Trammell (Tennessee 93-94) are all currently playing at the AAA level with their respective teams. James Northeimer (Tennessee 93-94) and Chris Freeman (Tennessee 93-94) are playing AA baseball. Mark Tranbarger (Tennessee 89, 91), Doug Hecker (Tennessee 90-92), Pete Harvell (Tennessee 93), Scott Viera (Tennessee 94-95), Matt Whitley (Tennessee 94-95), Mike Lincoln (Tennessee 96), R.A. Dickey (Tennessee 94-96), Clay Greene (Tennessee 96-97), Ken Folkers (Tennessee 96-97) and Michael Cosgrove (Tennessee 97) are all assigned to the A level.

— Rob Hardin

Former Lady Vol Named to GTE All-Time Academic All-America Team

Former University of Tennessee basketball standout Jill Rankin-Schneider is one of ten women selected by GTE spokesman and NBC sportscaster Dick Enberg to the GTE All-Time Academic All-America team. (See related Bob Johnson story on p. 2).

Rankin-Schneider, a 6-3 post player who averaged 19.2 points and 7.3 rebounds per game as a senior for the Lady Vols in 1979-80 while shooting .552 from the floor, was named to the second team. The Phillips, Tex., native, who now coaches at Borger (Tex.) High School, was the GTE Academic All-America of the Year in 1980.

After playing three seasons at Wayland Baptist College, Rankin-Schneider transferred to Tennessee for her final season.

She helped the Lady Vols to a 33-5 record and a second-place finish in the AIAW Championships en route to receiving Kodak All-America honors for the third time in her career. The Lady Vols won the SEC Tournament with a 85-71 triumph over Mississippi at Stokely Center. Rankin was on the All-Tournament team and was tourney MVP. Overall, she led the team in free throws with an .802 mark.

Jill Rankin-Schneider became the first Lady Vol to be named to the GTE Academic All-Time All-America Team.

Additionally, Rankin-Schneider played on the 1979-80 USA National Team and was named to the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team.

Her name remains among the leaders in 15 statistical categories at UT, and she still has the seventh-highest single-season scoring average in Lady Vols history at 19.2 per contest.

The GTE Academic All-America Teams are selected by a vote of the 1,800-member College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). To be eligible, an athlete must have been a varsity starter or key reserve and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.20 on a scale of 4.00.

Sports information directors nominate athletes from their schools who were previously named to district teams. CoSIDA has been selecting Academic All-America teams since 1952.

Joining Rankin on the all-time team are first-team selections: Denise Curry, a forward from UCLA; Lynette Woodard, a forward from Kansas; Anne Donovan, a center from Old Dominion; Michele Johnson, a guard from the Air Force Academy; and Kim Mulkey, a guard from Louisiana Tech. The second-team honorees were Rankin; Kate Starbird, a forward from Stanford; Rebecca Lobo, a center from Connecticut; Tammi Reiss, a guard from Virginia; and Katie Smith, a guard from Ohio State.

In addition to their status as all-time Academic All-Americans, Woodard, Donovan and Johnson are also members of the GTE Hall of Fame.

—Eric Trainer

Four of the Nation's Best Hoopsters to play for the Lady Vols

The University of Tennessee women's basketball team has added four sensational student-athletes to the five-time NCAA Championship program with the signings of Tamika Catchings, a 6-1 guard/forward from Duncanville, Texas (Duncanville H.S.); Kristen "Ace" Clement, a 5-11 point guard from Broomall, Pa. (Cardinal O'Hara H.S.); Teresa "Tree" Geter, a 6-3 center from Columbia, S.C. (Columbia H.S.), and Semeka Randall, a 5-10 guard from Cleveland, Ohio (Trinity H.S.).

All four players will be bringing truckloads of honors and a great blend of talents to the Lady Vol program. "We have signed some outstanding classes of student-athletes in my 23 years at the University of Tennessee, but never before have we attracted as prolific a level of talent as we found in these four young ladies," said Lady Vol head coach Pat Summitt.

"All four — Tamika, Ace, Tree and Semeka — have tremendous competitive drives, exceptional talent and wonderful personalities. Their up tempo games will certainly add an even greater excitement level to Lady Vol basketball," Summitt concluded.

Catchings, the 1997 Naismith and WBCA/Rawlings Player of the Year, is one of the nation's premier players at small forward. She led her Duncanville (Texas) High School team to a perfect 40-0 overall record her senior season while averaging 21.0 ppg, 10.1 rpg, 4.3 apg, 4.2 spg, and 3.0 bpg. A rare four-time Parade All-America and a NIKE/WBCA All-America, Catchings began her prep career at Stevenson H.S. in Illinois, where she was selected as the only underclassman ever to be named Miss Basketball in the state of Illinois, earning that honor as a sophomore.

A multi-decorated center, Geter was the 1997 Ms. Basketball for the state of South Carolina. Additionally, she was the state 2A Player of the Year in 1996 and 1997 and was a member of the 1997 Parade All-America team. During her career, she led her Columbia H.S. team to two state titles. As a senior, Geter averaged 27.3 ppg, 11.2 rpg, 7.2 bpg, and 4.2 spg. In all, she tallied 2,174 career points and 1,079 rebounds while leading her team to a 95-4 overall record.

Hailing from the same high school that produced former Lady Vol Vonda Ward (1991-95), Randall is an extremely athletic off-guard. The 1997 Parade Co-Player of the Year and NIKE/WBCA All-America rang up some impressive numbers as a senior, tallying 32.0 ppg, 15.4 rpg, 6.7 apg, 8.5 spg, and 2.7 bpg. As a four-year standout and the all-time leading scorer in Trojan history, she helped to lead her Trinity H.S. team to a 100-9 overall record and state titles in 1994 and 1996. As a freshman in 1994, she was co-Most Valuable Player of the state tournament with current Vanderbilt standout Na'Sheema Hillmon and won MVP honors outright in 1996. Randall was named Ms. Basketball in the state of Ohio as both a junior and senior.

Pat Summitt is hoping that the nation's best recruiting class will help add to the NCAA titles that the Lady Vols have already garnered.

Also signed to fill a guard slot is Clement, who earned the moniker "Ace" as a nine-year-old. A three-time Parade All-America and member of the NIKE/WBCA All-America team, she is the first Lady Vol signee from the state of Pennsylvania. During her career, Clement scored 2,256 points and broke Wilt Chamberlain's 40-year old Philadelphia city scoring record mark of 2,205. She led her Cardinal O'Hara H.S. team to three consecutive Catholic League titles, including the 1997 crown with a 27-1 record. Clement is just the second player ever to have her jersey retired from Cardinal O'Hara. As a senior, she averaged 27.9 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 5.9 apg, and 5.3 steals per contest. Clement committed to the Tennessee program in February 1996 during her junior year in high school.

"Being able to attract these young ladies to the University of Tennessee is a direct result of our great tradition and the tireless efforts of my assistants — Mickie DeMoss and Holly Warlick — in helping to assemble such a great class," said Summitt. (From Lady Vol Press Release on July 16, 1997)

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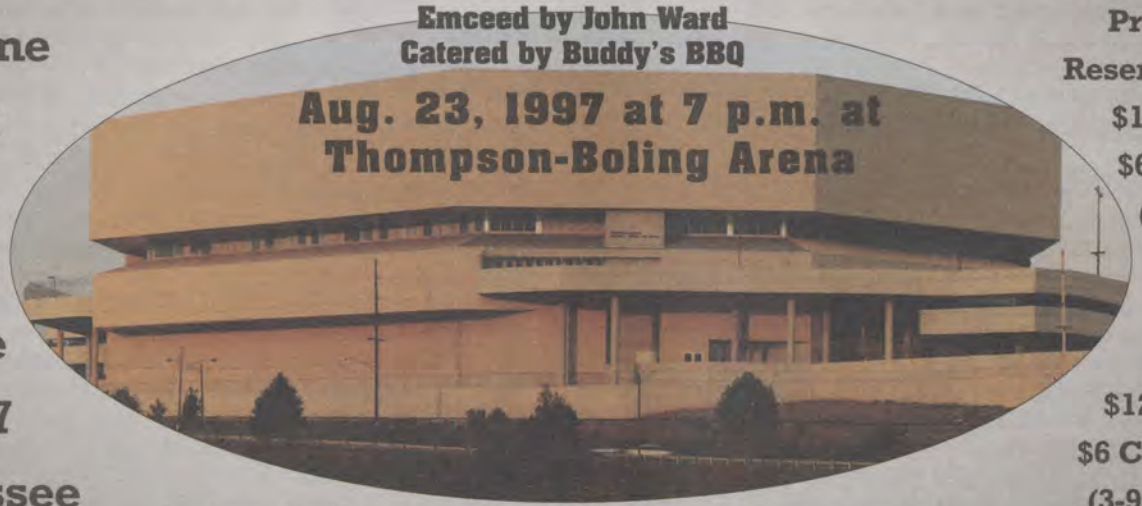

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VASF NEWS AND NOTES

Vols Going International

We'd like to wish a safe and successful trip to Tennessee head basketball coach Jerry Green, his entire squad and those loyal VASF fans who will accompany them on the squad's first international tour. The group will be touring Europe August 12-25 and will have stops in Paris and Nice, the Isle of Sandonia and Rome, and will showcase the Vols against top European talent. We encourage all Tennessee fans to show their support as the Vols begin their first season under Coach Green later this fall.

Welcome Back Barbecue

The "Welcome Back Barbecue," a chance for Vol fans to meet Vol football players and coaches, will be held on Saturday, August 23, at 7 p.m. in Thompson-Boling Arena. If you have questions, please call the UT Alumni Office at (423) 974-3011.

Football Tickets

All 1997 Tennessee football season ticket packages will be mailed August 7 by United Parcel Service. UPS does not deliver to Post Office Boxes; therefore, the VASF Office must have a street address in order for you to receive your tickets. Tickets must be signed for or they will be returned to UT. UPS will not leave them at your door.

Brandon Wharton leads a youthful Vol squad through a European tour and the 1997-98 hoops season.

Football Parking

All parking passes for the 1997 season will be mailed on August 8. RV's will not be allowed to park on campus the day of the game, except at the Ag campus. See pages 4-5 for more details regarding Tennessee football parking. All new assignments and changes were made according to turnover and donor levels. For more information on parking assignments, please contact Claire Stone at VASF (423) 974-1218.

Basketball Tickets

Basketball season ticket applications will be mailed in early-August. Please be sure to check the application for the deadline for return.

Two New VASF Staff Members

Here is your first look at two new VASF staff members.

Effective July 1, Mike Smith became the Athletic Development/Marketing Graduate Intern. Smith will be assisting Mike Hamilton, the Associate Athletic Director, and John Currie, the Executive Director of the VASF. He comes for a true Orange UT family. Smith graduated from UT in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. He is currently working on his masters degree in sport administration.

Kimbree Darakshani has joined the VASF staff as an undergraduate student assistant. Kimbree comes to VASF as a senior majoring in sport management. She went to Farragut High School in Knoxville and intends to pursue a career in athlete representation.

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—Compiled by Mike Smith

Football Tickets, More Information

In accordance with the original agreement between Weldon, Williams & Lick, the University of Tennessee's ticket contractor, and United Parcel Service, UPS will be delivering all of the University of Tennessee Football season tickets. Delivery time could be extended in some areas due to the current contract negotiations within United Parcel Service.

The Last Word...

A Memorial Tribute to Tim Kerin
November 6, 1947—August 3, 1992

(Reprinted from the Sept. 8, 1992, issue of Smokey's Tale to honor his memory on the fifth anniversary of his passing)

"To leave the world a bit better by a job well done or a redeemed social condition. To win the respect of intelligent people, to win the appreciation of critics. And to know that one life has breathed easier because you have lived."

The words are attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson. The life described therein was Tim Kerin's.

Standing in the line at Rose Funeral Home in Knoxville on August 5, two days after Kerin, head trainer at Tennessee since 1977, had died of an aortic aneurysm, my wife, Susan, and I wondered what words might suffice in the face of the finality of death.

Tim Kerin was a positive influence not only within UTAD, but in the local community as well.

I thought specifically about what Tim meant to all of us who worked with him here at the Athletic Department, the lives he influenced over the course of his career, and his involvement in the community.

I thought about his wife, Zibbie, and their respective families.

I thought about the words "loyalty," "integrity," "man of his word," and "family man," and realized they all fit him to a "T," "T" as in the University of Tennessee, the school whose people he had come to love over the years.

I'll remember the man who was a leader in his profession. The man who was as close to Vol head coach Johnny Majors as anybody.

The man with the notebook at practice, whose daily pronouncements to the Sports Information staff included these famous words: "day-to-day, knee, out indefinitely, shoulder," etc. The man who was a friend and confidant to Vol players.

I'll remember the man who ran Vol road trips with precision. You learned quickly to be on the bus to the airport 15 minutes early, just in case. When he said go, the bus left, whether you were there or not.

Tim Kerin was a part of the community, a leader in the battle against drug abuse and a former chairman of the Metropolitan Drug Commission. You may not always have agreed with him, but you always knew where you stood.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., nearly 45 years ago, he grew up a Pirate fan and could be seen on his daily jogs through campus in a Pirate baseball cap.

He often talked about sitting in right field, known locally as "Peanut Heaven," with his dad at the old Forbes Field. He was there the night they opened Three Rivers Stadium. He loved the old Pittsburgh Steelers.

It was appropriate that the procession that took him to his final resting place at Lynnhurst Cemetery in North Knoxville passed by the University of Tennessee campus on Neyland Drive.

It was on this campus at the Neyland-Thompson Center, at Neyland Stadium, at Stokely Center and points in between that he spent so many happy moments.

The effect Kerin had on his coworkers was best expressed by his long-time friend Bill Higdon on a moving video tribute produced by UTAD's Barry Rice and shown at a memorial service on campus on August 12.

"I only hope," Higdon said, "that he had as much respect for me as I did for him."

"To say he was the best is to slight him to a great extent," Mike Rollo, his successor as head trainer, said on that same video. "Tim was better than the best at almost everything he attempted to do."

The last words penned by the famed composer Oscar Hammerstein apply to the things we remember best about Tim Kerin.

"A song is no song 'til you sing it; A bell is no bell 'til you ring it; And love in your heart wasn't put there to stay; Love isn't love 'til you give it away."

Tim Kerin gave us his best during his nearly 45 years on this earth. He gave freely of himself to his friends, his family and his community. That's what I'll remember and remember fondly.

EPILOGUE: They named the Vol training room in Neyland-Thompson after Tim Kerin in November 1993. His pictures adorn the wall as if he were still observing what was going on in there. In may ways, he still is. His influence was that great.

Tim Kerin and I shared one common bond no one else really knew about. We were both born in Pittsburgh in the 1947-48 time frame and both of us had ended up here at UTAD.

David Housel, a former SID who is now Athletic Director at Auburn, once wrote of a life cut short and what it meant: "Tragedy lies not in death, for death comes to us all. Tragedy lies in lost opportunity and lost contribution."

The day it all happened was a Monday, August 3, 1992. It seems like yesterday. Could five years have really passed that quickly?

— Tom Mattingly

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